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		JP-2003-014249-A	01/15/2003	LEE et al.		Yes
		JP-9-210402-A	08/12/1997	FUJIMORI et al.		Yes
		JP-10-109872-A	04/28/1998	KIMURA et al.		Yes
		JP-10-217876-A	08/18/1998	YAMAGUCHI et al.		Yes
		JP-11-345650-A	12/14/1999	KOGURE		Yes
		JP-3-6232-U	01/22/1991	TOBITA		No
		JP-4-20923-U	02/21/1992	ISHIZUKA		No
		JP-3-97113-U	10/04/1991	HIDESAKA		No
		JP-7-12821-U	01/17/1995	SHIGENARI		Yes
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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-6232 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a sliding panel in the front.

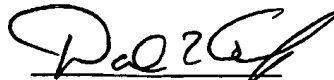
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure for an air conditioner having both an air inlet and outlet in the front face.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-97113 appears to disclose a panel air conditioner having an air inlet on the top.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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